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**WORLD BUDDHIST SANGHA YOUTH**



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### **Scheduled Program in the Year 2004-2005**

The Inaugural Meeting	Katmandu Nepal 08/02/04
Samanera Ordination Program	Asoka Charumati Temple Katmandu Nepal 08/02/04
Robe Offering Ceremony	Asoka Charumati Temple Katmandu Nepal 08/02/04
The First Executive Board Meeting	Wat Sanghathan Nonthaburi Thailand 17-20/05/04
Robe Offering Ceremony	Wat Sanghathan Nonthaburi Thailand 20/05/04
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The First General Conference	Buddhagaya India 7-9/11/04
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WBSY Thai Members' Pilgrimage Tour	Sri Lanka 20-26 / 06 / 05
Ordination ceremony	Sri Lanka. June 20 <sup>th</sup> 2005
Preparation meeting and survey	Seck Kia Eenh-Malacca Malaysia 02/06/05
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The Second General Conference	Seck Kia Eenh-Malacca Malaysia 09-11/12/05





**Sangha Youth 's role in Society**

**Dhamma chat**

**Young Sharing**

On February 8, 2004, Most Ven. Anuruddha accompanying by members from seven countries, Japan, New Zealand, Nepal, Buthan, India, Mongolia, and Thailand, commenced (initiated) the first meeting. Most Ven. himself has been genuinely devoted to promoting the new organization and he conducted the first meeting for discussion and endorsed to conduct the first executive board meeting for executive board committee at Wat Sanghathan Nonthaburi Thailand. The first meeting was successful that it was resolved that the first executive board meeting and the first general conference be held respectively in order to accommodate a greater number of members and collaboration. In 2004, WBSY was established. Within a few months members from various countries and Nikayas denominations applied for membership, namely, , America, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, England, France , Germany, India, Indonesia,, Korea, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, German, Malaysia, New Zealand, Japan, Laos, Myanmar, Mongolia, South Africa Sweden Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam, from three main sects. The main objective of the World Buddhist Sangha Youth is to create a global network among the Sangha Youth Leaders committed to build unity in the Sangha and world society. The follow-up was the First Executive Board Meeting which was another step advancement for the World Buddhist Sangha Youth, The Constitution and the important issues in agenda for discussion was well-organized at Wat Sanghathan Nonthaburi Thailand, during May 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> 2004 and ready for WBSY 1<sup>st</sup> General Conference at Buddhagaya, India on November 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> 2004. And in the year 2005 there were many activities done as follows:-

## **Year 2005 Annual Report for the WBSY Organization**



**Origin of WBSY**

**Novice Ordination**

**First Executive Board Meeting**

### **Inaugural Meeting Katmandu Nepal (08 / 02 /04)**

On this day, the inaugural opening of the WBSY was set up in order to create network for linking the Sangha Youth to collaborate in the name of Buddhayana, monks from three main schools of Buddhism attending and joining hand were all set to propagate Buddhism. Overall. This was an initial success and a stepping stone for further cooperation. Samanera Ordination Program **Robe-Offering Ceremony** were also conducted at Asoka Charumati Temple Katmandu Nepal.



**First Executive Board Meeting Wat Sanghathan Nonthaburi Thailand (17-20 / 05 /04)**

The theme or objective of this meeting was the follow-up of the inaugural Meeting and setting up of committee and preparation of the first General Conference Buddhagaya India. A total of 60 monks from three schools participated in this event. After that we visited the Sanghathan Temple, then headed to Dhammakaya Temple and Ayutthaya province the ancient capital of Thailand for a educational tour including Robe-Offering Ceremony Wat Sanghathan

**The First and Second Survey to Buddhagaya Bihar India (20-25/08/04)**



**Dana to Sangha from various directions**

**Start from Little**

**Unity is power**

**Belt-offering to** The first survey to India was a total of 10 monks and the second a total of 4 people and then WBSY group headed to Bhutanese Lama monastery college for offering belt to a total of over 100 lamas and money to principle at Bhutanese School India (21/08/04).

**Holy Three Days The First General Conference Buddhagaya Bihar India (07-09 / 11 / 04)**

The Venue for this events was Mahabodhi society and Buddhagaya. This was the first general conference. A total of over 100 participants including lay people. For three days and three nights, the participants attended the opening presided over by Mrs. Sri Lankan President Matunga and closing including workshop at Thai Temple, Tourist Bungalow. Meals at Bangladesh, royal Buthanese and Vietnamese monasteries, and peace march at the last night of event by a total of over 100 people from a huge Buddha statue of Japanese temple to the main Vihara of Buddhagaya where the Buddha attained enlightenment. Also **Dana to Young lamas & Indian Local residents, Buddhagaya Pilgrimage Tour Four Holy Places India.**

**Opening of Headquarter Taipei Taiwan (09 / 01 / 05) Vesak Cerebration both traditions Taipei Taiwan (10 /04 /05)** Young Monks as Youth Sangha Members from Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Bhutan, etc sent to study Mahayana Buddhism Languang Buddhist College (Early Feb. / 05 .) WBSY sent young monks as youth sangha members from Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Bhutan, etc. to study Mahayna Buddhism Languang Buddhist College Taipei Taiwan.

**The Morality to Youths; Novice & Youths in white clothes Summer Camp Phanomphen Cambodia (31/03-12 / 04 /05)** The organizing chairperson for this camp was Ven. Suphanoa. This camp was open to youths aged 5–20 years old. A total of 500 both novices and youths in white clothes attended this camp. The theme for this camp was “Morality to youths”, with a focus on self-discovery. The camp was held in the superb of Phanompen Cambodia.



**Opening by H.E. President of Sri Lanka**

**Sharing to Little**

**Sangha of Wat Sanghathan**



**First Survey to Seck Kia Eenh Temple Malacca & K. L. Malaysia (31/05-07 /06 /05)**

A total of 8 WBSY executive members made the survey to Malacca and K.L. Malaysia in order to attend preparation meeting. In Malacca they checked the venue including accommodation and confirmation for the second general conference. Then headed to K.L. for a discussion with Buddhists for ready confirmation.

**WBSY Thai Members' Pilgrimage Tour Sri Lanka (20-26 / 06 / 05)**

Dana Offering To Tsunami Victim Madatugama Kotasalu Piyangalu Raja Maha Temple ( 20 / 06 / 05)  
Donation of two Buddha statues to Mihntala Rajama Viharaya and Kotasaa Piyanagala Viharaya. ( 20 / 06 / 05)  
Opening Ceremony of Sri Lankan Regional Center Sriwardhanaramaya Walgama Madatugama Kotasalu Piyangalu Raja Maha Temple (25 / 06 / 05) Ordination ceremony in Sri Lanka June 20<sup>th</sup> 2005.

WBSY & Wat Sangathan took a total of over 200 lay devotees to take pilgrimage tour and invite the Buddha's great relics to enshrine in the Ordination hall of Wat Sanghathan so as to strengthen the Buddhist fellowship between Buddhists of two countries. In doing so, WBSY in turn want to thank the Abbot of Wat Sanghathan for sponsoring WBSY for the First General Conference.

**WBSY Sri Lankan Members' Pilgrimage Tour Thailand (03 / 07 / 05 )**

And in turn Sri Lankan Buddhists along with Buddha's relics travelled to Thailand so as to attend the greeting ceremony for enshrining Buddha's relics inside the Uposatha of wat Sanghathan. A total of over 1,000 people both monk and laity from all walks of life participated in the reception ceremony.

The Third Executive Board Meeting Malacca Malaysia (08/12/05)

The Second General Conference Malacca Malaysia (09-11/12/05)

**Holy Three Days The First General Conference Buddhagaya Bihar India**



**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WBSY  
ON NOVEMBER 7-9, 2004, WORLD  
BUDDHIST SANGHA YOUTH AND  
INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST SANGHA  
COUNCIL OF BUDDHAGAYA CO-HOSTED  
THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE AT  
BUDDHAGAYA BIHAR INDIA**

**T**he main objective of the First General Conference was to provide a stage for Sangha Youth representatives to discuss the Buddhism based topics in the current situation of Sangha Youth in various parts of the world and also to create connection network amongst Sangha youth to share the Dhamma through modern media technology.

The conclusions suggested by the international Sangha youths were to set up regional center, activities, and some project facilitating in sharing Buddhism to youths through different activities such as Youth Camp retreats, Teaching in Schools, Quiz Contests, Essay Writing, Art contests, while listening to Dhamma talk, Study Dhamma through computer, through pictures, through movies Education of Children, cultural programme, Tour Programme on dhamma. These will help to build up capable Buddhist Leaders for tomorrow. All participants in this event, appreciated and agreed with conclusion to set up connect network amongst sangha Youth by endorsing to have Headquarters in Taiwan and Regional Centres Nepal Regional Centre – Ven. Tappasi, Carumati Buddhist Centre, India Regional Centre – Ven. Dorji Wangdel, Bhutan Buddhist College Thailand Regional Centre – Ven. Natadhammo Cambodia Regional Centre – Ven. Suphanou Sanghthero Myanmar Regional Centre – Ven. U. Chandima & Ven. U. Wayama Malaysia Regional Centre – Ven. A. Ratanasiri Switzerland Regional Centre – Ven. Dr. T. Dhammika\_Sweden Regional Centre – Ven. W. Pannaratana ect. and other projects concerning Sangha Youth to collaborate with organizations in order to share Buddhism for the happiness and benefit of men and gods.



### **World Buddhist Sangha Youth**

This event follows the second General Conference in Malaka Malasia Nov.9-11 2005 at night of 9, Nov. All participants joined candlelight peace march from Huge Japanese Buddha Image to Mahabodhi Vihara and then Most Ven. Shilenhai read announcement of WBSY in commemoration of the Buddha Dhamma and Sangha

After the conference group of WBSY both monk and lay people set out for pilgrimage tour of four sacred sites starting from Bodhagaya the Buddha's enlightenment, Patna, Nalanda, Rajagaha, (Vulture's Peak Veluvana Gridharakuta mountain)

(Kushinagar) Lumpini (Nepal) Varanasi & Saranath and Kolkata City Tour Victoria Memorial National Museum and then Departure t from Kolkata 10.00, Arrival of Bangkok 13.20

Finally, WBSY organizing committee must express our heartfelt thanks and appreciations for your active participation and sharing your creative ideas in order to propagate Buddhadhamma. We wish you all success and development in Buddhadhamma and all the best. Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu.

Phramaha Somphong Santacitto Thailand



**Commemorative Photo Session**



**Closing Ceremony**



**Group Photo**  
Thai participants headed by Dr. Suwat

### **Workshop by Ven. Vithaya America**



**First Day Workshop**



**Briefing Workshop**



**Working committee**



**Buddhapuja**

World Sangha Youths from different denominations and schools attended the workshop three days of first general conference by splitting into small groups and brainstorming some specific suggestions and proposals focusing on the role of Sangha Youth in contributing to sharing Buddhism to the World as the outcome of the workshop conference, "Holy Three Days in Buddha Gaya" convened the following 4 issues: 1. Sangha Youth's role in Buddhist Propagation: we believe that freedom of travel is essential for exchange and understanding in order for the Propagation & Protection of Buddhism, 2. How to develop compassion towards society: we believe that compassion is the answer for the social ills found in many of today's societies and that through generosity of wealth, Dharma, and fearlessness the solutions to those ills will be achieved. 3. Buddhist Unity & Management: we believe that a decentralized administrative structure is key to creating and maintaining active Regional Centres that network with each other so that a free flow and exchange of Ideas, Materials, & Manpower goes to where it is most needed. Also that through cooperative activities with other Organizations 4. Sharing & Happiness: We believe that sharing of knowledge & understanding of all Buddhist teachings in all traditions will bridge the gap of differences within Buddhist communities, but this can not become a reality without the material & financial support required by today's educational system. Wbsy must express our thanks to all venerable young monks to spark the creative idea and comments so as to help share Buddhism to world where the peace is needed. We hope that our proposals turn into action and done in the this year and the year to come. And thanks to all of workshop staff for your hard task.



## Holy Three Days International Buddhist Sangha Council of India by young lama Dorji Wangdi Bhutan



### **Welcome Speech By Ven. Lama Dorji Wangdi    Opening Ceremony    Introduction of WBSY International Members**

On behalf of organizing committee in the part of International Buddhist Sangha Council of India in Buddhagaya, as well as Mahabodhi Society And international temples surrounding Mahabodhi Vihara felt glad to have greeted and welcomed Sangha Youth representing from over twenty countries for holy Three Days World Buddhist Sangha Youth First General Conference held here the place of enlightenment of the Great Master Buddha. This event was successful and Looking ahead all set to join hand in hand and set up Connect networks amongst us Buddhists throughout the world. International Conference here was considered to be the first time of Buddhist organizations. So in the end, we here would like to accept every comments to improve it next time and May WBSY success and prosper forever and all the best! Thank you

### **WBSY contributions to Cambodia by Ven. Suphanoa Cambodia**



### **Opening Ceremony Watdhammatra, Khet Preysor, Khan Dongkor, Phnom Penh Kingdom of Cambodia 1-12/04/05**

On 31 March-12 April, 05, WBSY Cambodia headed by Ven. Preah Bhikkhu Wan Suphanou Sanghathero and Khmer Monk Students cooperated with Watdhammatra, Khet Preysor, Khan Dongkor, Phnom Penh Kingdom of Cambodia, hosted the Novice Summer Camp Ordination and Morality Training to the Youths which is the pilot project to encourage and inspire the youths to be endowed with Buddhist Dhamma in order to deal with the day-to-day activities and live in peace and happiness amongst competitive society in the capital. On this occasion, 500 Youths attended the projects by for boys, becoming novices, for girls, getting white dressed and with 8 precepts, For, the opening ceremony, presided over by H.H. supreme patriarch Somdech Preah Maha Sumethatiboteya Tep Vong (Mahanikasya Sect) and Keynote speech by H.E. Government Representative, Thank speech by Preah Kru Borumdhamma Touch the abbot of Wat Dhammatrai and so on, after that robe-offering, white-suits, study materials and souvenirs presented to V.I.P. and Participants further to youths, included planting ceremony and morning session ended with group photo session, in the evening, dhamma talks of Most Ven. Shin Lein Hai (WBSY 's president) . This activity was supported by WBSY and Pokuansan Taiwan, MCU of Thailand and mainly, the Cambodian people.

WBSY would like to express our deepest thanks to Ven. Preah Bhikkhu Wan Suphanou Sanghathero and Khmer Monk Students for your hard and creative works dealing with the youths of Cambodia the future generation, We hope that because of your hard working this time, our youths have morality to live peaceful lives and gained Buddhist atmospheres, your Nations will success and prosper if without Buddhist Morality, to start with the youths is in the right track, for saisatable development of Your Nations side by side the economic, social, material, and spirituality growth.





Over 500 Youths during morality training at Watdhammatria, Khet Preysor, Khan Dongkor, Phnom Penh Kingdom of Cambodia 1-12/04/05



### ***Tsunami by Ven. Sujano Mahajarn Nepal***



Tsunami; accept as it is. Early morning of December 26, 2004 the world socked by Tsunami disaster in South and Southeast Asia and still fleeing in everybody mind.

Damage was considerable. Over two hundred thousand of people died, and numerous persons are missing or displaced. We are fleeing and elusive in Tsunami.

Not only poor and Asians but even the rich who travelled from eastern and western countries to spend their holidays were robbed of their lives and their loved ones. They were caught up in a situation which they would never have dreamed of. It never selects who they are whether be poor or rich or Asian or European, white or black, No one wants it again. But this is the reality of Samsara that arises and vanishes. No one can escape as Buddha said in evil chapter (Papavagga ) Dhammapada ***“Neither in the sky nor in mid-ocean, nor by entering into mountain clefts, nowhere in the world is there a place where one may will not be overcome by death.”***

We as Buddhists, the recent disaster caused by the Tsunami should be a fitting event for wise consideration - for the application of Yoniso Manasikara. There are many ways of dangers in human beings. One of them is from Nature disaster. So, whether we like it or not, it occurs as it is. Now, we need to concentrate our intention on helping to Tsunami victims and accept as they are (Yatha bhutam nana) and live a heedless live as Buddha said in second chapter of Dhammapada ***“ Heedfulness is the path to the Deathless. Heedlessness is the path to death. The heedful die not. The heedless are as if dead already.”***

It is now time for promoting those areas for reviving once again and understanding this disaster as the reality of nature and our life. Once we accept as they really are, no more sorrow and Dhukkha minimizes and we should come to join together for building better place to live. Human beings with good physical and spiritual health is quite hard. And from now on, lives must be lived with heedlessness in proper way and must be better understood by Buddhadhamma

Phra Sujan Maharjan *Nepal*

***WBSY BKK to conduct Inter. Vesak Activity at Sanamluang Bangkok***



Portraits drawn and colored by Youths who are the future of Buddhism Bangkok Thailand 16-22/05/05



International Vesakhapuja Day of May is considered as the most significant and auspicious day for Buddhists all over the world, in commemoration of the birth, the enlightenment and the death of the Buddha. VISAKHA means the sixth month in the lunar calendar. The occasion is observed each year on the full moon day of the sixth lunar month and UN announced Fifty-fourth session Agenda item 174 International recognition of the Day of Vesak. The General Assembly, The United Nations General Assembly at its 79th plenary meeting on December 15, 1999 adopted the resolution on international recognition of the Day of Vesak at the United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices. The resolution, sponsored by Sri Lanka and 34 other countries, recognizes that the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May each year is the day most sacred to Buddhists. It was made to acknowledge the hope expressed by the International Buddhist Conference, held in Sri Lanka in November 1998. The International Buddhist Conference was attended by many countries with Buddhist population. Among them were Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Laos, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.

Acknowledging the hope expressed by the International Buddhist Conference, held in Sri Lanka in November 1998, that the Day of Vesak, the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May each year, be internationally recognized and, in particular, at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices. Recognizing that the Day of Full Moon in the month of May each year is the day most sacred to Buddhists, who commemorate, on that day, the birth of the Buddha, his attainment of enlightenment and his passing away.

Considering that international recognition at United Nations headquarters and other United Nations offices would constitute acknowledgement of the oldest religions in the world, Buddha has made, for over two and a half millennia, and continues to make to the spirituality of humanity.

On VISAKHA PUJA Day, Buddhists in Thailand usually visit temple for religious practices, merit making and sermon-listening as well as meditation practice. In the evening, they join candle or torch-lit procession, known as WIAN THIAN, held in all temples across the country. Those joining the WIAN THIAN ceremony walk around the monastery chapel three times with flowers, three glowing incense sticks and a lighted candle in their hands

to pay homage to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha. Buddhists or non-Buddhists alike are urged each year to observe the significant VISAKHA PUJA Day, which has now gained international recognition. Thai people, 95 percent of whom are Buddhists, take pride in this recognition.

On 16-22 May, 2005, the Royal Ground in Bangkok, was the venue of the celebration and commemoration, throughout the whole Vesak week, there were many activities concerning with Buddhist matters such as chantings, meditation, dhamma talks, dhamma-discussion, supported by Thai government. On this auspicious occasion, people from walks of life participated in activities in respect of our Buddha.

**Of those, WBSY BKK, the Sangha Youth organization** ran activities focusing on youths by opening the stage and opportunity for Buddhist Youths both monks and lay to join hand in hand in order to take pride in their own valuable and appreciative religion, in addition to helping maintain and protect Buddhism for permanent establishment. WBSY BKK, realized that Youths are the human resources to appreciate Buddhism, takes initiative in launching the Buddhist activities in English in order to respond the need of the new generations who want both Dhamma and language especially English. The main activities are divided into three categories:- Essay-writing, Drawing, Dhamm Quiz for the high school students. In additions, extra ones take place throughout the whole week of Vesak event, comprising of Dhamma discussions, Dhamma Talks, Dhamma Chantings, Meditations, and Dhamma Chanting extra class, all in English and Thai run by WBSY BKK members who are studying in Bangkok Thailand. WBSY BKK, must show our thanks and appreciations for all who dropped in and attended our booth and all of educational establishments and institutes for sending your students.

We wish you all the best and good luck on your quiz. Please do your best and be proud of it. Buddha be with you all. You are the future of our nation and the world where it must be a better place to live by [Buddhadhamma](#).

**Ven. Panna Murati Social Welfare & Education Nepal**



**Dhamma & Youth****H.H. Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia drops in****The Winner**

Second General Conference Seck Kia Eenh-Malacca Malaysia 09-11 December 2005



Seck Kia Eenh-Malacca Malaysia led by Most. A. Ratanasiri to host second general conference. The executive board of the World Buddhist Sangha Youth will gather at Malaka, Malaysia. The exbo has a full and significant agenda including annual reports of wbsy vision and mission done in the year 2005. and its relationship with regional centers. Of utmost significance is the need for workshop theme for the final action next year. The members and participants will discuss the planning steps leading to the next conference which is scheduled for 2006. A total of 8 WBSY executive members made the survey to Malacca and K.L. Malaysia in order to attend preparation meeting. In Malacca they checked the venue including accommodation and confirmation for the second general conference, then headed to K.L. for a discussion with Buddhists for ready confirmation. On behalf of WBSY we would like to express our deepest thanks and anumodana to SKE Malacca Buddhists for supporting this conference.

May you all be happy, prolonged lived , healthy. Sadhu Sadhu Sadhu All the Best. Buddha be with you all.



**First Survey to Seck Kia Eenh Temple Malacca & K. L. Malaysia (31/05-07 /06 /05)**

### WBSY WEBSITE



Website is the important means of sharing information to Members and internet users worldwide. WBSY has created its own website to respond to the visitor who want to know about the WBSY movements. Since WBSY is new to the public, Also it has a constantly updated section to WBSY news. WBSY Dhamma Propagation and Publication sector will improve website and update news all the time as well as press media. If the visitor would like to visit our website, please access to <http://www.wbsy.org> all are welcome to share creative idea and

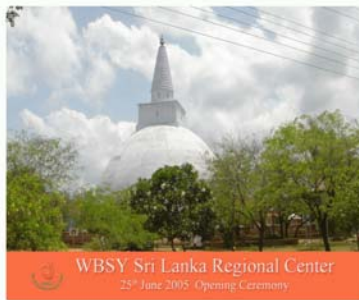
comments so as to help improve and share Buddhism to our brothers and sisters.





### WBSY & WAT SANGATHAN by Ven. W. Piyaratana Sri Lanka Administration

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#### Most Ven. Sanong Katapunyo

#### WBSY SK

#### Group Photo

WBSY & Wat Sangathan headed by Most Ven. Sanong Katapunyo the head abbot of Wat Sanghathan took a total of over 200 lay devotees to take pilgrimage tour and invite the Buddha's great relics to enshrine in the Ordination hall of Wat Sanghathan so as to strengthen the Buddhist fellowship between Buddhists of two countries. In doing so, WBSY in turn wanted to express our heartfelt thanks Most Ven. all Sangha and devotees for sponsoring WBSY for the First Executive Meeting. And in turn in the part of WBSY Sri Lankan Members on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Sri Lankan Buddhists along with Buddha's relics traveled to Thailand so as to attend the greeting ceremony for enshrining Buddha's relics inside the Uposatha of wat Sanghathan. A total of over 1,000 people both monk and laity from all walks of life participated in the reception ceremony.



#### Reception House of Wat Sangathan

#### Executive board meeting Wat Sangathan 17-20-/05/04

### Why Vipassana?

Today people all over the world are yearning for peace. They cry out loud for peace. But peace is not there, East, West, North and South; in rich or poor countries, in developed, developing countries or even the third world countries. Every day all we hear is about bombs exploding here and there and people killed; property destroyed; families broken; peace shattered! This is because people have been overlooking the key human mind. The mind, although basically pure, gets tainted with selfishness and jealousy (issa and macchariya) and moreover prevents peace. The mind is the key to peace! Only spiritual development via vipassana meditation can neutralize the colouring of the mind with selfishness and jealousy. This will lead to a peaceful way of life. Neutralization of



the defilement is necessary for peace. The today world is full of danger. Bomb explosions occur every few minutes. Many are conditioned to behave violently. Unless this defilement is cleansed they will remain violent and dangerous. Vipassana could do the cleaning of the mind. Spiritual development is mental development and is like winning the inner enemy. Once this battle is won, the outer enemy or obstacles to peace is overcome. Thus the need for vipassana should be underlined. Traditionally Sangha have two duties called Ghantha dhura and Vipassana Dhura. The former is mainly concerned with teaching and learning while the latter practicing. According to the Tipitaka, the outer enemy or negative environmental conditions preventing peace, can be contained temporarily by keeping the five precepts. Peace is there only as long as the precepts are kept. The inner enemy or defilement (kileas) of the mind can be contained only by vipassana. This will also lead to permanent containment of the outer enemy and lead to ever lasting peace. Hence vipassana is needed to induce permanent lasting peace. There are many vipassana methods in Buddhism. They are waiting for us to come and see as they really are.

**With metta**

**By Ven. U. Candima. Myanmar Meditation Master**



*Sitting Meditation*



*Meditation & Novice*



*Walking Meditation*

## *Message from WBSY editorial staff*

Starting with the first volume, The WBSY newsletter is made a hard effort to convey what is going on about wbsy organization and about the progress in wbsy movement in the fresh beginning. It is created for free distribution in the beginning. The newsletter format and features remain the news, activities, reports, and upcoming events of the wbsy organization.

Also contents from the newsletter will be available on internet website of wbsy.

Any inquiry or correspondence sent to us by addressing it to the Editorial Staff using any of the email addresses of the wbsy we are glad to. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

We wish you all happiness and peace in the new year to come and forever..

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